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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN WHEAT NEEDS

REF: CARACAS 6084

1. USG DOES NOT GIVE ASSURANCES ON AVAILABILITY OF EXPORTS OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES HANDLED BY PRIVATE TRADE IN REGULAR COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS. USG STILL EVALUATING FORECAST US GRAIN AVAILABILITIES IN RELATION TO LIKELY DIMENSIONS FOREIGN DEMAND, AND IT NOT NOW POSSIBLE GIVE ASSURANCES TO VENEZUELA OR OTHER US CUSTOMERS AS TO EVENTUALITY EXPORT CONTROLS. HOWEVER, PRESIDENT NIXON'S JULY 18 STATEMENT ON PHASE IV CONTAINS FOLLOWING IMPORTANT STATEMENTS REGARDING US POLICY ON EXPORT CONTROLS: "... PERMANENT CONTROL OF EXPORTS IS NOT THE POLICY OF THIS GOVERNMENT, A WE DO NOT INTEND AT THIS TIME TO BROADEN THE CONTROLS BEYOND THOSE NOW IN FORCE....UNLESS PRESENT CROP EXPECTATIONS ARE SERIOUSLY DISAPPOINTED, OR FOREIGN DEMANDS ARE EXTREMELY LARGE, EXPORT CONTROLS WILL NOT BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEEDED."

2. IT UNDERSTANDABLE THT GOV MIGHT NOT BE NOT ANXIOUS
MAKE LARGE WHEAT PURCHASES NOW IN VIEW OF CURRENT HIGH
PRICES AND POSSIBILITY PRICES MAY EASE SOMEWHAT LATER
IN YEAR. GOV MAY NOW WISH, HOWEVER, ASSURE MINIMUM TERM
IMPORT NEEDS BY MAKING ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH REGULAR
COMMERCIAL CHANNELS.

3. FYI. GIVEN CURRENT FAVORABLE US CROP OUTLOOK, WE
HOPEFUL THAT COUNTRIES WHICH DEPEND ON US FOR IMPORT
NEEDS WOULD BE ABLE TO OBTAIN MOST OF THEIR NORMAL
(I.E., HISTORICAL) REQUIREMENTS, EVEN IF US IMPOSES
EXPORT CONTROLS. THIS, OF COURSE, ASSUMES NO MAJOR
CHANGES IN THE CURRENT US CROP OUTLOOK OR DOMESTIC PRICE
OBJECTIVES. END FYI. RUSH

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